

Montana Native Youth Reduction Strategic Plan Update to Tribal Governments and Urban Indian Health Centers

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2017 Priority Action Step Accomplishments

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1.1 Montana Governor establishes the Native Zero Suicide Coalition <i>Completed</i>	Governor Steve Bullock created the Native Youth Suicide Reduction Advisory Council with appointments made by MT DPHHS Director Sheila Hogan. The Advisory Council consists of 26 representatives from each tribe and UIHO. The Advisory Council met three times in-person during 2017.
1.1. Conduct a state-wide Zero Suicide Academy for providers, counselors and workforce <i>Completed</i>	MT DPHHS contracted with the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC), to host a Zero Suicide Academy, 2-day training orienting participants to the Zero Suicide model. The training was held October 11–12, 2017, in Helena, MT, and it was attended by 75 participants representing tribes, UIHOs, Indian Health Service (IHS) and MT DPHHS staff.
2.1. Support local planning and implementation of Zero Suicide <i>Completed</i>	MT DPHHS secured task orders and contracts with each UIHO and tribe to provide funding to support the implementation of Zero Suicide by sending four representatives from each tribe and staff from UIHOs to the Zero Suicide Academy training.

2018 Priority Action Steps

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1.1. Montana Governor establishes the Native Youth Suicide Reduction Advisory Council	The MT Governor will renew the Advisory Council with appointments made by MT DPHHS Director Sheila Hogan. The Advisory Council will advise the state in the implementation of this plan and Zero Suicide across the state.
1.6. Montana tribes and UIHOs adopt Zero Suicide Policies, Practices, and Response Plans	Advisory Council members and MT DPHHS will secure commitment from tribal councils, IHS, and organizational leadership to adopt Zero Suicide policies and practices.
2.1. Support local planning and implementation of Zero Suicide	The state will provide direct funding to each tribe and urban Indian program to continue Zero Suicide implementation within health and behavioral health organizations.
2.4. Create a Zero Suicide and Native Youth Suicide Reduction listserv	MT DPHHS will create a listserv of interested parties for suicide reduction with whom the state of Montana may share information.
2.5. Create a newsletter about Native youth suicide reduction and Zero Suicide	MT DPHHS will establish a quarterly electronic newsletter that shares information about tools, resources, or local stories about Zero Suicide implementation.
2.6. Establish monthly technical assistance calls or webinars	MT DPHHS will establish monthly calls or webinars to provide updates, share ideas, and conduct mini-trainings, etc.; initial webinars will focus on the Zero Suicide initiative.
3.1. MT Governor establishes the Native Youth Suicide Reduction Council	The MT Governor will establish the Native youth component of the Advisory Council. Each tribe and UIHO will nominate two youth from each community to serve on the Advisory Council.
4.2. Provide training in self-care best practices	The state will provide direct funding to each tribe and urban Indian program to seek training for frontline health and behavioral health staff and community members in self-care practices.